

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed April 30, 2004. In the Office Action, claims 1-2, 4, 12-13, 15, 17, 20, and 24-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statement

For the benefit of the reader, the background section of the subject application identifies references that merely describe ferro-electric liquid crystal display (FLCD) lenses. These references have been removed from the specification because (i) they are merely background information concerning FLCD lenses, which is widely available and (ii) URLs within an application are now discouraged by the USPTO. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter this amendment to the specification.

Drawing Objection

The drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a). Figures 1 and 4 have been amended. In particular, Figure 1 has been amended to include the designation legend "Prior Art". Moreover, Figure 4 has been amended to illustrate synchronizer (95) including a digital timer connected to a voltage controller as requested by the Examiner. Support for this limitation can be found on page 6, lines 13-14 of the subject application. No new matter has been added.

Based on these amendments to Figures 1 and 4, Applicant respectfully requests that the drawing objection be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. In the Office Action, claims 5-11, 14, 16, 18, 19 and 21-23 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicates that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 5-8, 13, 16, 18 and 19 have been placed into independent form and have not been narrowed through amendment. Consideration of the allowability of these claims and those claims dependent thereon is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

In the Office Action, claims 1-2, 4, 12-13, 15, 17, 20, and 24-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Janssen (USP 5,528,318) in view of Applicant's admitted prior art. While Applicant disagrees with the rejection, further discussion of the grounds for traversing the rejection are not warranted in light of the revisions set forth above and the cancellation of independent claims 1, 15 and 24 without prejudice. Withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection is respectfully requested.

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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Figures 1 and 4 showing changes

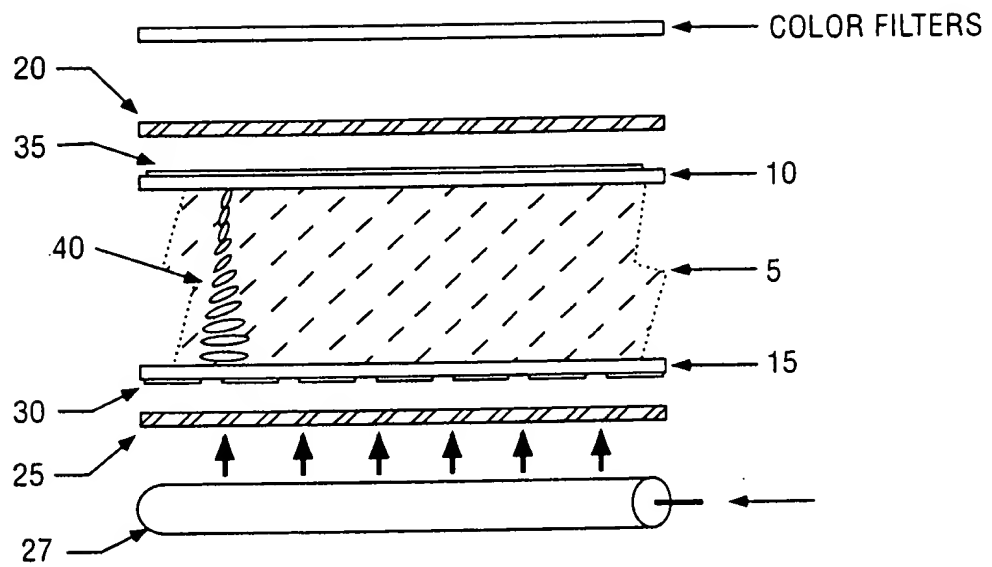


FIG. 1

PRIOR ART

